

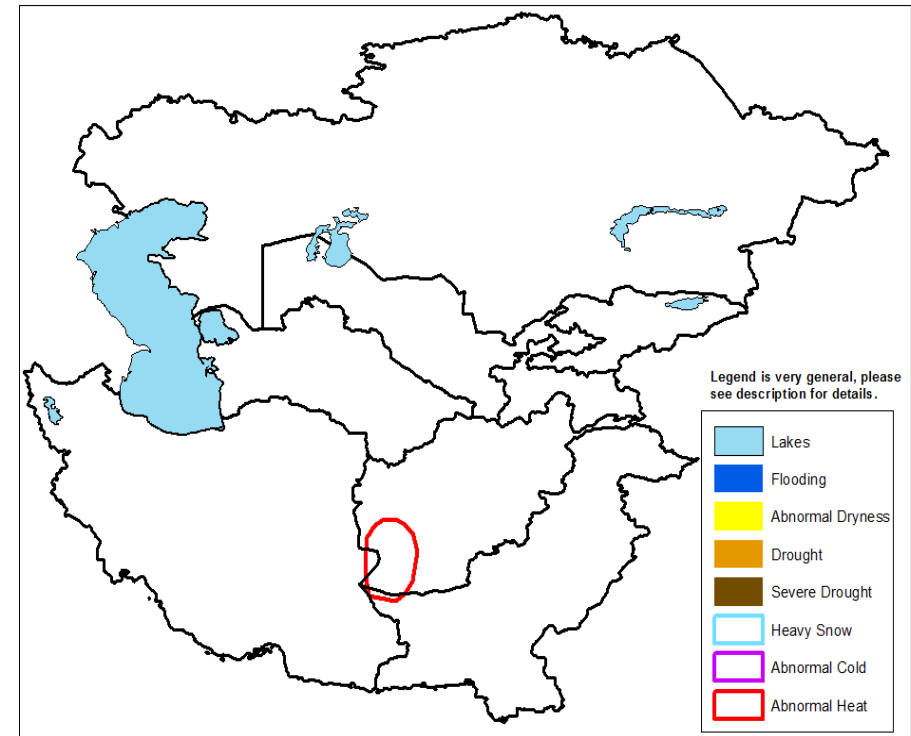
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET July 10 – July 16, 2013

Temperatures:

Since the beginning of July, slightly below-average temperature prevailed throughout much of the Central Asia domain, with locally above-average temperatures (2-5 degree C) observed in the higher elevations of northeastern Afghanistan, and southern Tajikistan. For the upcoming outlook period, positive temperature anomalies (2-8 degrees C) are expected for many parts of northern Kazakhstan, as well as throughout parts of northern and southwestern Afghanistan. Daily maximum temperatures are forecast to exceed 45 degrees C during the July 13-14th period in the southwestern lowlands of Afghanistan.

Precipitation

During the last seven days, a continuation of seasonal precipitation was received across many local areas in northern Kazakhstan, as suppressed monsoon rainfall was observed throughout portions of central and northern Pakistan. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations (>50mm) were observed in the Karagandy, Akmola, Pavlodar, and East Kazakhstan provinces. Despite this increase in seasonal rainfall in July throughout northern Kazakhstan, many local areas in the Aktobe, Kostanay, and Akmola provinces are still experiencing moderate 30-60 day moisture deficits. For the upcoming outlook period, a continuation of average to above-average rainfall is expected across northern Kazakhstan, with the potential for highest rainfall accumulations forecast over the northern Aktobe and Kostanay provinces during the next seven days. This is expected to help mitigate seasonal moisture deficits in the region. Locally heavy rainfall is also forecast across parts of northern Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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